

**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**COVID-19 EMERGENCY LOAN RELIEF FUND**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16, 2020**

**The special meeting of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority convened at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference only at 470-869-2200/meeting ID 428-245-6027 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**The following were in attendance at this meeting:**

<b>Authority Members</b>	<b>MMG Staff</b>
<b>Les Hall</b>	<b>Randy Croxton</b>
<b>Laura Pasternak</b>	<b>Anthony Williams</b>
<b>Kenny Oreagba</b>	<b>Tim Smoot</b>
<b>Clem Kaikis</b>	<b>Stanley Tucker</b>
<b>Charles Martin</b>	<b>Mark Harrison</b>
<b>Gina Ramsey</b>	<b>Mike Howard</b>
	<b>Robin Harris</b>

**Attorney General's Office**  
Barbara Kountz, Deputy Counsel

**AGENDA**

**NEW REQUEST**

Acadia Windows & Doors, LLC  
Graphic Computer Solutions, Inc. dba Judicial Dialog Systems  
HPC Health, LLC dba Hillcrest Pharmacy & Compounding of Elkton  
Rev Commerce, LLC  
Laisar Management Group, LLC  
Jody Davis J.D., Inc. dba Jody Davis Designs  
SRL Total Source, LLC  
Croydon Pet Hospital, LLC  
Emma's Tea Spot, LLC  
JF Enterprises, Inc.  
Howard County Plumbing Services, LLC

**MODIFICATION**

Pool of Bethesda, LLC dba Bethesda Blues and Jazz

**ACTION ITEM**

Mahogany, Inc. (MSBDFA)

The closed session of the September 10, 2020, meeting was summarized. The Authority Board meeting was attended by Les Hall, Gina Ramsey, Chuck Martin, Clem Kaikis, Mara Sierocinski, and Laura Pasternak. The meeting was closed to comply with requirements of the Maryland Public Information Act so that there would not be disclosure of confidential, commercial, and financial information associated with the applicants. All six of the COVID-19 loan requests were approved. The Deus Group, LLC request was deferred. The meeting was closed to discuss the following:

**MSBDFA – COVID-19 Loans**

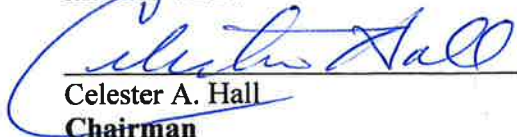
1. Aerofitness and Karate, LLC - \$175,000
2. Junsunney, LLC - \$75,000
3. Dorfman Museum Figures, Inc. - \$90,000
4. Adler Display Studio, Inc. - \$200,000
5. Pateyoli, LLC - \$50,000
6. Blooming Branches Daycare Center, Inc. - \$100,000

**MSBDFA – Contract Financing**

The Deus Group, LLC

The Open Meeting then closed at 8:45 a.m. upon motion made and seconded, and approved by all voting members, the meeting was closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b) (13), "to comply with a specific... statutory... requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter", that is, the Maryland Public Information Act prohibits disclosure of trade secrets, confidential commercial and confidential financial information. Chairman Les Hall signed the Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act, which is attached to these minutes as an exhibit.

**APPROVED:**

  
Celester A. Hall  
Chairman

**DATE:**

12-15-20

**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT  
(General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

**1. Recorded vote to close the meeting:**

Date: September 16, 2020

Time: 8:45 am – 10:00 am

Location: Held by conference call only due to COVID 19 pandemic at  
470.869.2200/640 305 7494

Motion to close meeting made by: Gina Ramsey; Seconded by Laura Pasternak

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Celester Hall, Chair, Designee Secretary of Commerce	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Clemis Kaikis, designee of Comptroller	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Charles Martin	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Kehinde Oreagba	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Laura Pasternak	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Sharon Pinder	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ x ]
Gina Ramsey	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Mara Sierocinski	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ x ]

**2. Citation of statutory authority to close session (check all that apply): This meeting is being closed under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b), only:**

\_\_\_\_ (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

\_\_\_ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;

\_\_\_ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;

\_\_\_ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;

\_\_\_ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

\_\_\_ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

**X** (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;

\_\_\_ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

\_\_\_ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

\_\_\_ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

\_\_\_ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

\_\_\_ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;

**X** (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

\_\_\_ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

**3. Disclosure of the topics to be discussed, for each citation checked above:**

§3-305(b)(13) topics: Discussion and evaluation of the applications received from potential borrowers for financial assistance under programs of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, which applications include the disclosure of financial information of private individuals and confidential commercial and financial information.

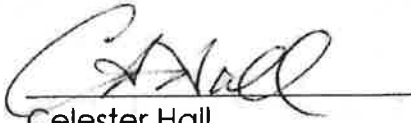
§3-305(b)(7) topics: Legal advice from counsel to the Authority with respect to the applications.

4. For each topic listed in #2, disclosure of the reason for discussing it in closed session rather than in open session:

§3-305(b)(13): Financial information of private individuals is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-336) and confidential commercial and financial information is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-335).

§3-305(b)(7): Protection of the attorney-client privilege.

**This statement is made by Celester Hall, Chair of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, Presiding Officer.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celester Hall", written over a horizontal line.

Celester Hall  
Chair